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Title: **METHOD FOR RAPID DETECTION AND IDENTIFICATION OF
BIOAGENTS FOR ENVIRONMENTAL AND PRODUCT TESTING**

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED 02/28/2006

Preliminary to examination of the above-captioned patent application, please amend the application as follows:

- Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 this paper.**
- Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of the claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.**
- Amendments to the Drawings begin on page _____ of this paper and include an attached replacement sheet.**
- Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.**

DOCKET NO.: DIBIS-0002US.P4 (Counsel Docket No. 10448)**PATENT****In the Specification:**

Please amend the Government Support Statement to read as follows:

This invention was made with United States Government support under DARPA/SPO contract ~~BAA00-09~~ 4400044016. The United States Government ~~may have~~ has certain rights in the invention.